

Zone 4 Pacific Swimming Meeting 3/10/15

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Attendance:

X	Jim Morefield	(Chair)			(BST)			(MLST)
	Brian Holm	(RENO-Vice Chair)	X	Julie Hardt	(CARS)	X	Lou Scalise	(NNA)
X	Jerry Rudd	(TAHO-Treasurer)		Gary Kolb	(CARS)	X	Erik Scalise	(NNA)
X	Sharon Weiss	(LAKE-Secretary)	X	Danielle Christenson	(CARS)		Jorie Turner	(NNA)
X	Valerie Rudd	(TAHO-Z4 Officials)	X	Kat Matheson	(DDST)			
X	Judy Maynor	(UN-Z4 Officials)	X	Joanna Ruffo	(DDST)		David Rinaldi	(UN-Z4)
	John Branco	(CARS-Safety)		Nenad Rodic	(LAKE)			
	Shari Buonamici	(RENO-Sanctions)		Greg Gephart	(LAKE)			
				Madi Hurst	(RENO-AthRep)		Ryan Chen	(DDST-AthRep)

- ✓ Please notify Jim Morefield, Zone 4 Chair jdmore@charter.net of any changes to team representatives.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ **Motion:** Approve the minutes of the January meeting as corrected. **Carried.**
 - Correction:
 - Jerry & Valerie Rudd were present.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: May 12 (nominations/volunteers for 2015-16 officers)
- ✓ Future Meetings: July 14, Sept 8, November 17, 2015; Jan 12, March 8, May 10, 2016
- ✓ New Meeting Location (Beginning March, 2015): Plaza Hotel, 2nd Floor, Multi-purpose room; 801 S. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701
 - Special thanks to Danielle Christenson for her time & effort in securing our new meeting location.

Public Comment: (Chair reserves the right to limit to 5 minutes per person; no action may be taken)

- ✓ N/A

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Pacific Swimming is seeking volunteers/nominations for its Board of Directors (BOD) positions, to be elected at May House of Delegates (HOD) meeting. Anyone interested in being an at-large Pacific BOD member (or other position) please let our nominating committee rep (Jim Morefield) know as soon as possible. Conference calls ~6 evenings per year; voice and voting privileges at all BOD and HOD meetings.
- ✓ Pacific Swimming House of Delegates meeting scheduled for Saturday May 2nd! Pleasanton, CA, 4:00-5:30 PM. You are strongly encouraged to send club representative(s) -- they must be registered with Pacific Swimming beforehand. See www.pacswim.org for more details.
- ✓ Coaches, Managers, and Athletes for 2015 Western Zone and NACC All-star teams.

Interested Zone-4 members are encouraged to apply! Athletes receive up to 50% assistance with their co-pay from Zone-4. Check the Pacific Swimming website for details and applications.

- ✓ Special thanks to Reno Aquatic Club for arranging the successful screening of the film documentary "Touch The Wall".
- ✓ Exploration of the possibility of using Skype or Face Time to include Bishop and Mammoth in Zone 4 meetings.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Current Balance (as of 3/8/15): \$10,586.09
- ✓ 2015 Team dues (\$100 year-round / \$50 seasonal) are past due.
- ✓ From Pacific Swimming Treasurer: "Zones should also only show "net" income, and not show any "pass through money" as income." For example, ZAM co-pays?
- ✓ Treasurer:
Jerry Rudd
Zone 4 Treasurer
P.O. Box 9698
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

LSC Report:

- ✓ Board of Directors (reps. Rudds/Morefield) -- Proposal to re-instate USA membership requirement for Marshals. This was eliminated several years ago because it was too hard to get enough volunteers to get carded, especially after background checks and athlete protection came online. BUT, Marshals are often dealing directly with athletes, checking locker rooms, etc., and should NOT be the people who can't pass a background check.
 - Discussion: Having Marshals get carded and have background checks will continue to make it difficult to get volunteers and having them do so is not a guarantee or failsafe way of protecting our athletes.
- ✓ Open Water Committee (Erik Scalise): Erik continues to explore the possibility of bringing an age group / masters (additional) open water event to Donner Lake (possibly an approved, not sanctioned event).
- ✓ Governance Committee (rep. Jim Morefield) - finalizing job description for paid office manager; redefinition of LSC Board of Review to exclude Code of Conduct and Sanctions matters now covered by the USA Western Zone Board of Review.

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ N/A

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Several clinics so far in 2015 continue to draw new interest and participation in officiating.
- ✓ 3 additional clinics are taking shape for the coming months.
- ✓ 5 administrative officials to date.

Safety Report:

- ✓ Recent incident in Solano County, CA., and Sierra Nevada response
 - Discussion: There was general consensus that additional programs, carding, and background checks, while important for safety and liability, do not guarantee freedom from all evils in society. Passing a background check, for example, is a safeguard, but it is not foolproof and may lead to a false sense of security. It is up to officials,

coaches, parents, and swimmers alike to look out for each other, be aware of their surroundings, and report suspicious activity. We might be overestimating what can be gained with new programs, carding, and background checks. Education and awareness are key.

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ NNA Fernley Age Group Open (March 28-29, 2015) is sanctioned; Carson Intermountain Classic (May 22-24, 2015) is in the process.

Scheduling Report (2014-15):

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.
- ✓ Current approved 2015 Schedule:
 - BST: June 19-21
 - CARS: May 22-24 (LCM)
 - DDST: Aug 7-9 (T&F)
 - NNA: Mar 28-29
 - RENO: May 16 (walk-on); June 26-28
 - TAHO: July 17-19
- ✓ **Motion:** Remove July 22-24, 2016, Carson (LCM) from the schedule. **Carried.**
- ✓ Nevada State Championships November 6-9, 2015.
- ✓ **Motion:** Approve 2015-16 Draft Zone 4 Meet Schedule. **Carried.**
- ✓ Possibly Carson to pick up a meet in December, 2015. There also appears to be room/interest for a LC meet in April.

Old Business:

- ✓ Zone All-Stars were a success and there was clear consensus that having Jorie Turner return as manager for 2016 would be great for Zone 4.

New Business:

- ✓ N/A

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary